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From: Waldon, MARGARET
Sent: Wed 9/11/2013 10:31:33 PM
Subject: RE: Request from Jared re: FW: State orders soil and dust sampling around Vernon battery plant - Exide

Yes I know this facility – they are a secondary lead smelter.

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From: Allen, HarryL
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2013 3:05 PM
To: Waldon, MARGARET
Subject: FW: Request from Jared re: FW: State orders soil and dust sampling around Vernon battery plant - Exide

Have you heard of this place?

From: Lawrence, Kathryn
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2013 11:53 AM
To: Guria, Peter; Allen, HarryL
Subject: FW: Request from Jared re: FW: State orders soil and dust sampling around Vernon battery plant - Exide

fyi

not sure if you guys have had any involvement with this facility.

i recall that Maggie might have worked on it when she was in air

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From: Schechter, Debbie
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2013 11:06 AM
To: Manzanilla, Enrique; Tenley, Clancy
Cc: Salyer, Kathleen; Barton, Dana; Lawrence, Kathryn
Subject: RE: Request from Jared re: FW: State orders soil and dust sampling around Vernon battery plant

No we have not looked at this site. We have done PAs in Vernon but they were focused on identifying sources of groundwater contamination.

From: Manzanilla, Enrique
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 5:17 PM
To: Tenley, Clancy; Schechter, Debbie
Cc: Salyer, Kathleen; Barton, Dana; Lawrence, Kathryn
Subject: Fw: Request from Jared re: FW: State orders soil and dust sampling around Vernon battery plant

Debbie-Did we do a PA around this area?

We touched a small bit on this plant at the dtsc meeting earlier this month. Dtsc rep didn't think the air district permit is strong enough to prevent aerial deposition of lead.

From: Scott, Jeff
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 4:52:53 PM
To: Armann, Steve; Shaffer, Caleb; Poalinelli, Edwin; Johnson, Kathleen; Miller, Amy; Jordan, Deborah; Adams, Elizabeth
Cc: Barhite, Steven; Herrera, Angeles; Reyes, Deldi; Manzanilla, Enrique; Maier, Brent; Heller, Zoe; Ryerson, Teddy
Subject: Request from Jared re: FW: State orders soil and dust sampling around Vernon battery

plant

All-

See the attached request from Jared below. On the RCRA front, Chip can you coordinate what we have available on this? Per below, I don't recall any particulars of our involvement in the sampling effort identified.

Kathleen/Amy - I'm not sure if you all have had a role on this one, but if you have perhaps you should take the lead here? If not, if you all can route responsive info you do have to Chip, that would be great.

Debbie/Elizabeth/Enrique – I'm forwarding this to you in case your staff have had a role in this.

Thanks!

Jeff Scott

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From: Scott, Jeff
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 4:43 PM
To: Blumenfeld, Jared
Cc: Maier, Brent
Subject: RE: State orders soil and dust sampling around Vernon battery plant

I'll follow-up. In the interim, I do not believe the RCRA staff have been actively involved in the sampling effort, etc.. I'll need to check and see if Enforcement and/or Air may have been.

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From: Blumenfeld, Jared
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 1:27 PM
To: Scott, Jeff
Cc: Maier, Brent
Subject: Fw: State orders soil and dust sampling around Vernon battery plant

Jeff

Who can he talk with on your staff?

Jared Blumenfeld, EPA

From: Bohigian, Tom (Boxer) <Tom_Bohigian@boxer.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 4:25:31 PM
To: Blumenfeld, Jared
Subject: RE: State orders soil and dust sampling around Vernon battery plant

Sorry for the tardy reply. If there is anything active from EPA's perspective, it would be good to know. Happy to talk to staff. I know you are busy. Hey, have you driven the new bridge yet?

Tom Bohigian

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From: Blumenfeld, Jared [<mailto:BLUMENFELD.JARED@EPA.GOV>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 4:33 PM
To: Bohigian, Tom (Boxer)
Subject: Re: State orders soil and dust sampling around Vernon battery plant

Hi Tom:

We have had some involvement with the site over the years. I can check on specifics if you like?
Hope you are well. I am in Rancho Mirage right now visiting tribes!

Jared Blumenfeld, EPA

From: Bohigian, Tom (Boxer) <Tom_Bohigian@boxer.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 4:12:46 PM
To: Blumenfeld, Jared
Subject: FW: State orders soil and dust sampling around Vernon battery plant

Hi, Jared,

Hope things are good with you. Nice they are finally going to open the bridge.

Have your folks gotten into this issue of the Exide Battery plant in Vernon?

Thanks,

Tom

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From: Lyles, Maurice (Boxer)

Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 4:00 PM

To: Martinez, Yvette (Boxer); Bohigian, Tom (Boxer)

Cc: Melendez, Ana Jovel (Boxer)

Subject: RE: State orders soil and dust sampling around Vernon battery plant

It's in the LAT

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-vernon-battery-plant-20130827,0,303641.story>

From: Lyles, Maurice (Boxer)

Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 3:57 PM

To: Martinez, Yvette (Boxer); Bohigian, Tom (Boxer)

Cc: Melendez, Ana Jovel (Boxer)

Subject: State orders soil and dust sampling around Vernon battery plant

I know that the state has been involved and not the federal government, but I've been following this story. The Exide Battery Recycling plant has been allegedly emitting arsenic in largely low-income communities that it neighbors.

State orders soil and dust sampling around Vernon battery plant

State officials have ordered a Vernon battery recycler to begin testing dust and soil at properties in the neighborhoods around its plant to see if dangerous substances have gathered there and are posing a health risk to the community, officials announced Tuesday.

The order comes a few months after the state Department of Toxic Substances Control was thwarted in its effort to temporarily shutter the Exide Technologies plant on the grounds that it posed "an unacceptable risk to public health."

The state had ordered the facility closed in April, after an analysis released by the South Coast Air Quality Management District showed arsenic was posing an increased cancer risk to as many as 110,000 people from Boyle Heights to Maywood and Huntington Park.

But Exide appealed the order, arguing that it had fixed much of its arsenic emissions problem and that regulators were acting under public and political pressure. A Los Angeles County Superior Court judge sided with the company, and said Exide could keep operating until a full hearing this fall.

The move outraged residents and community groups near the plant, who fear the company's operations are harming their health and believe regulators have failed to protect them.

Now state officials are moving ahead with a series of orders they issued in April as part of a cleanup plan, including an effort to determine whether arsenic, lead and other substances that were released from the facility in the past may have accumulated on nearby properties.

Officials said in a statement that they want to "learn more about the cumulative health effects of Exide's past practices," information they said will help shape how they regulate the facility in the future.

"We want to bring assurance to the community that if contaminants from the facility are in their yard, Exide will clean them up," said Brian Johnson, deputy director of the department's Hazardous Waste Management Program.

DTSC officials said dust sampling will begin Thursday, and soil sampling by Oct. 1. Findings are due by Nov. 15.

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